

While I am an advocate of copyright owners maintaining control of their works, I am NOT an advocate of Governmental controls or policies that impact businesses in either a positive or negative fashion. Markets work things out... they always have and always will. I do not accept the idea that the government should be mandating the inclusion of the broadcast flag into Digital receiving equipment for the following reasons:

- 1.) It creates undue burden on those that wish to innovate with Digital Broadcast receivers, home video networking, and other ideas not yet thought of.
- 2.) It capitulates to a business group that is clearly behind the times in offering its content in formats that the consumers demand. Media companies STILL haven't come up with a viable way to sell MP3's, yet MILLIONS of MP3 players exist. Yet there are millions of VHS tapes around that they feared would "ruin their business due to piracy".
- 3.) DTV rollout and acceptance is already a disaster, adding things like this will only make it worse for early adopters such as myself that already have equipment that has been purchased for hundreds of dollars.

There are clearly fair use issues at play here, however it has always been the creative mind of entrepreneurs that have solved problems like this, not the government.